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Phosphate plant to expand

SF Phosphates announced this week the approval for expansion of the Rock Springs, Wyo., and the Vernal plants.

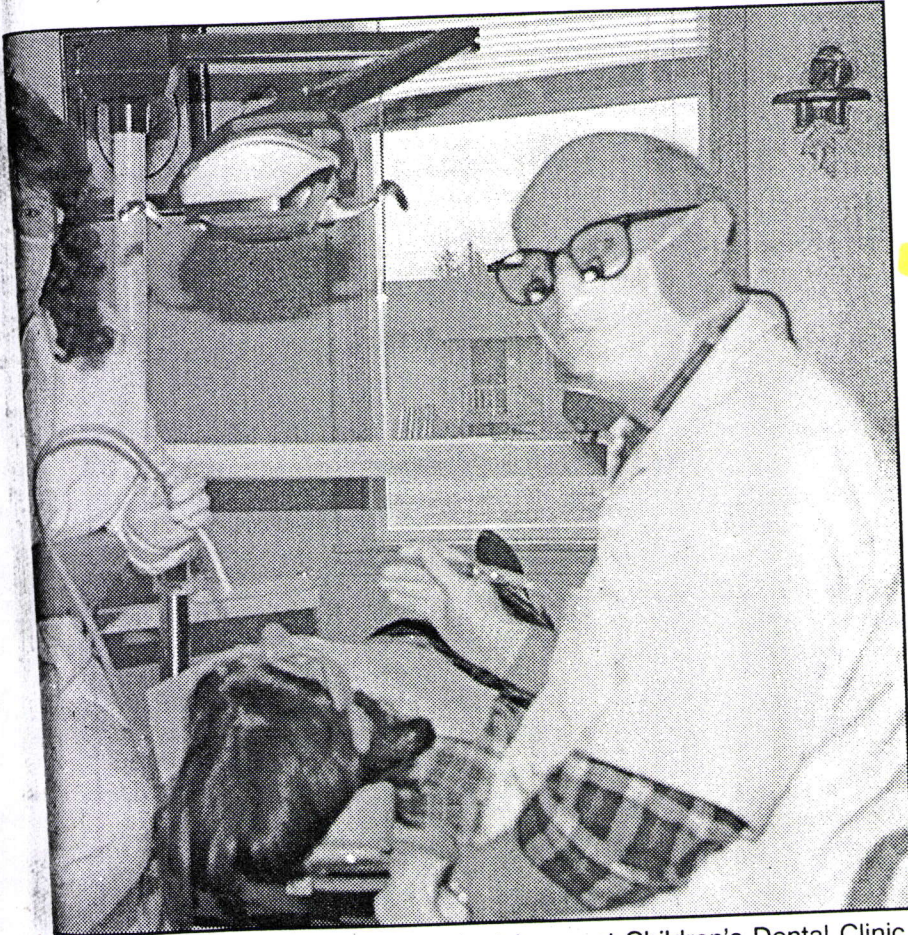
The owners, J.R. Simplot and Farmland Industries, gave final approval for the \$35.9 million project Monday.

The expansion will increase the production rate of the Rock Springs plant to 400,000 tons per year of P205 an industry term used to measure the amount of phosphoric acid manufactured for the production of agricultural fertilizers. This represents an approximate 26 percent increase in production for the Rock Springs and Vernal plants. Construction will start this summer with completion planned for January 2000.

SF Phosphates is one of only three producers of phosphate fertilizers in the Northwest. Their market extends from the Mississippi River westward and north into Canada.

A company spokesman said, "We are extremely glad that this opportunity has been approved, both for the benefit of SF employees and the increased opportunities for employment and financial growth in Wyoming and Utah. We're proud of who we are, what we do and where we are." Company representatives will be meeting this week in Cheyenne with agencies to begin the necessary permitting.

Drug dealer



Assistant, Betty Ann Ficarra, provide dental care at Children's Dental Clinic

County children's expands service

